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1. MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY WITH LETTER TO AMBASSADOR MCCLINTOCK ASKING THAT HE RELAY INVITATION TO HARRISON H. SCHMITT, GEOLOGIST WHO JOURNEYED TO MOON ON APOLLO 17 MISSION, TO ATTEND SECOND LATIN AMERICAN CONGRESS OF GEOLOGY SCHED TO BE HELD IN CARACAS NOV 11-17.

2. SCHMITT WOULD BE EXPECTED TO GIVE TALK ON GEOLOGY OF THE MOON. INVITATION INCLUDES EXPENSES FOR HIM AND WIFE, IF ANY.

3. SOME 800 PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED, MANY OF THEM FROM EUROPE AS WELL AS FROM AMERICAS, AND FOL INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES WILL MEET DURING CONGRESS: INTER-UNION COMMITTEE OF GEODYNAMICS, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD MAP, COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS OF GEOSCIENCE PUBLISHERS, AND LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOLOGY.

4. WE URGED MIN MINES REPRESENTATIVE TO SEND INVITATION DIRECTLY TO NASA IN HOUSTON FOR SCHMITT AND SAID WE WOULD ALSO RELAY THROUGH STATE/USIA CHANNELS WITH STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT SCHMITT ACCEPT IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS. HIS VISIT HERE WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN PURSUANCE USIA PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. PRESS/TV COVERAGE HIS PARTICIPATION IN CONGRESS WOULD BE WIDESPREAD AND WOULD BE DRAMATIC NON-POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. INTEREST IN AREA.

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